(3) M/s. Merind Ltd.,

(4) M/s. Tamilnadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals Ltd.,

(5) M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

(b) The number of products and the details of prices fixed in respect of these is quite voluminous. The time and efforts require for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) Since the prices of drugs have not been revised since 1980 a decision was taken to give a hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision application for prices after 31st December, 1983.

Price control on imported bulk drugs

3274. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bulk drugs imported for sale under DPCO, 1979 were under price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of importers made huge unintended profits by overcharging;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this Ministry did not fix the price of many of the imported bulk drugs for sale and allowed the importers to overcharge;

(d) what steps have been taken to recover this amount and by when the total amount will be recovered;

(e) whether his Ministry has initiated the process of collection of details of overcharging and finalised the amounts due for recovery; and

(f) if so, what are the details of progress made during the last eight years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Bulk drugs included in Category I, II and III of DPCO, 1979 were under price control whether imported or indigenously manufactured.

(b) Action has been taken as and when instances of unintended benefit have come to the notice of Government.

(c) The prices of Scheduled bulk drugs were fixed as per the recommendation of BICP.

(d) and (f) No recovery has been made so far as the parties have disputed the amount.

(e) Yes Sir.

Amount collected under Drug Price Equalisation Account

3275. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced in the measures 1986 that the amount collected under Drugs Price Equalisation Account will be used for the purpose as given in DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what was the purpose given in DPCO, 1979 and whether his Ministry is using the amount for the same purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the purpose for which it has been used along with the authority under which such action was taken;

(d) whether it is a fact that this Ministry issued notices for the recovery of the amount to more than 120 drug companies in 1983 and on onward under Para 4,7(i) and 7(ii); and

(e) if so, how much money has been worked out in favour of each of the these companies and how much money has been recovered from each as yet;

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The purposes for which the amount recovered from drug companies under the provisions of DPCO, 1979 can be spent are contained in Paragraph 17 of DPCO, 1979 and paragraph 14 of DPCO, 1987 which were laid on the Table of the House. The total amount distributed till date in accordance with the said provisions is Rs. 1792.56 lakhs.

(d) and (e) Notices to some companies were issued between 1984 & 1987. for recovery of amount under Para 7 of DPCO, 1979. M/s. Pilford India Ltd. has paid Rs. 50 lakhs as per the direction of the court. No other company has paid any amount till date.

Monitoring the prices of price decontrolled medicines

3276. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the prices of price decontrolled medicines;

(b) if so, what was the price of G avol Tabs Walavin Tabs, Carisoma Tabs, Ifibrium Tabs, Masse-Cream and Deffen cream;

(c) whether his Ministry intervened and got the prices of any of these medicines reduced;

(d) if so, what are the names of those medicines;

(e) if not, what is the system which the Department is following for selection of companies and medicines and what are the details of that system;

(f) what are the names of bulk drugs based on which each of these medicines are manufactured;

(g) whether these drugs are produced in the country; if so, the names of producers of each along with the production of each drug by each producer during the last three years, yearwise; and

(h) what are the names of drugs exempted from price control along with the basis in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs/formulations are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened, wherever found necessary.

(f) The required details to the extent available are given at Annexure-I.

(g) Production of these drugs is not monitored.

(h) Drugs referred to in the question are exempted from price control as per the recommendations of Kelkar Committee except Griesofulvin.

COB licence to Cadila Labs

3277. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the Cadila Labs was granted COB licence and what were the facts of their case and what were the conditions of COB licence;

(b) when the capacities granted under the COB were revised; and

(c) whether the same treatment has been extended to the units placed in similar circumstances and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) M/s Cadila Labs., Ahmedabad were granted a COB licence No. IL: 134(76) dt. 6.10.76 for the manufacture of certain drug formulations. The need for COB industrial licence under the IDR Act had arisen as the value of their plant and machinery had increased beyond Rs. 10 lakhs. The annual capacities for various types of drug formulations were fixed category-wise on the basis of maximum production achieved by the company for each item during the 3 years ending 1975. However, the party had represented against the annual capacities fixed in the COB licence. The representation submitted by the company was considered by the Govt. and accordingly an amendment letter was issued to the party on 28th November, 1977 subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The annual capacity against each category of formulations has been fixed provisionally. The final annual